#### **SUGAR LAND GOALS:**

A well planned community Safest city in the area Strong local economy Responsible city government Mobility for people Livable neighborhoods

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# Sugar Land City Hall at Town Square

2700 Town Center Boulevard North



- Sugar Land City Hall opened in Town Square on Nov. 22, 2004.
- Sugar Land's new City Hall and public plaza, a cornerstone of Sugar Land Town Square, received the "Best Community Impact" award in 2005 from the Houston Business Journal. The Landmark Awards recognize Houston's outstanding commercial and residential real estate deals and developments that have become focal points in the region's landscape. Sugar Land's City Hall and 1.2-acre plaza were recognized for their critical roles in the Town Square project, which has created a "heart" of the community. The Landmark Award follows the Houston Chapter of the American Planning Association selecting Sugar Land Town Square to receive an Excellence in Public/Private Partnership Award for Development in Context.
- This facility enables the City to consolidate departments into the geographic center of Sugar Land. City services and offices in City Hall include Mayor and City Council Offices, City Manager and Assistant City Managers, City Attorney, City Secretary, Communications, Development Services (Building Official, Permits, Inspections, Health Department, Code Enforcement and Planning), Economic Development, Engineering, Finance Administration (Accounting, Budget, Purchasing and Revenue, which includes water service start-up and payments and property tax payments), Human Resources and Information Systems.

- City Hall is designed for an ultimate building size of approximately 82,000 square feet, which will be able to serve Sugar Land's ultimate population projection of 200,000 residents. The initial build-out of 70,000 square feet accommodates a population of 75,000.
- City Hall, located in the heart of downtown Sugar Land, is part of Sugar Land Town Square, a 32-acre lifestyle development that includes restaurants, condominiums, upscale retail, office space and the Sugar Land Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. City Hall overlooks a 1.2-acre plaza that provides a gathering place for residents and visitors and for community-wide events. This project is the result of a public-private partnership that will have a direct positive economic impact to the City of approximately \$13 million over 25 years.
- Visitor parking, located adjacent to City Hall, is accessed by entering from Town Center Boulevard North. The 50 parking spaces are available to the public for City Hall use from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Overflow parking for evening meetings is located to the east of the building in the Town Square surface parking and Texas Parking Garage.
- The first floor is designed to welcome the public. It includes a customer service area for permits and payments, the 200-seat City Council chamber, the City Secretary Department, a receptionist area and conference rooms. The conference rooms honor Sugar Land's history, with such names as Austin, Brazos, Cane, Colony and more. In consideration of 9/11 and heightened security across the nation, the upper floors of City Hall are secured. Staff members will escort visitors accessing the elevators and stairwells.
- The City Hall project cost \$17.8 million, which included the design; construction; site work and temporary parking; furnishings, audiovisual and technology; a new phone system; security; and participation in structured parking. The land was donated to the City. Funding for City Hall was accomplished through a cash payment of \$4.7 million, which was 26 percent of the total project cost. The remainder of \$13.1 million was funded through the issuance of Certificates of Obligation.
- Sugar Land followed Senate Bill 510, adopted in 2001, enabling the City to utilize alternative construction methods other than the traditional sealed bid method. A project team was established prior to design. Team members joining Sugar Land staff included PGAL Architects; D.E. Harvey Builders, Inc.; and Planned Community Developers, Ltd., formerly Sugarland Properties, Inc. All team members, including the general contractor, were selected based on qualifications. The general contractor served in a consulting role, evaluating the design and providing value engineering to ensure quality and the ability to construct within the budget and schedule. The team worked closely in packaging the project, bidding the various construction elements and selecting subcontractors to ensure the best value for residents' tax dollars. The building was complete on time and within budget.
- The look of the building is traditional and federal, a timeless architecture that will serve the City well into the future.
- This is Sugar Land's fourth City Hall. Sugar Land's first City Hall was located on Brooks Street, with Sugar Land's second City Hall located in the current City Hall annex on Matlage Way and the third City Hall located at Corporate Drive and Julie Rivers Drive.